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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
U.S. Forest Service – Ouachita NF
East Mill Creek Project Area

The Ouachita National Forest, Mena Ranger District, is preparing an environmental assessment for East Mill Creek Project Area. The East Mill Creek Project Area includes approximately 8,768 acres or about 13.7 square miles; of which 708 acres within the project area is privately owned land. The analysis area for East Mill Creek is composed of Compartments 1133, 1134, 1135, 1136, 1137, 1138, 1139, and 1140. Geographically, the project area is primarily to the Northeast of Mena and Northwest of Oden, Arkansas, in Township 1N, Range 28W Sections 24, 25, 26, 35, and 36 Township 1S, Range 28W, Sections 1, 12 and 13 T1S, R27W, Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, and 18 and, T1N, R27W Sections 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 in Scott, Polk, and Montgomery Counties, Arkansas. The purpose of this project is to move the existing conditions of the project area toward the desired conditions, stated as a site specific need, as identified in the Revised Forest Plan for Management Areas 9, and 14. The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and is subject to pre-decisional objection process at 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. The proposed project is available on-line at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ouachita/landmanagement/projects> . The EA and supporting documentation is also available for review at the Mena District office. The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments §218.2 regarding the proposed project or activity during the public comment period are eligible to file an objection §218.24(b)(6). For issues to be raised in objections, they must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector. Mail written comments to District Ranger, 1603 Hwy 71 North, Mena, AR 71953 or fax to 479-394-2389. Oral or hand-delivered comments may be submitted at the above address during normal weekday business hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Comments may be mailed electronically, in a common digital format, at comments-southern-ouachita-mena-oden@fs.fed.us. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request §218.24(b)(8).

Please state “East Mill Creek Project Area” in the subject line when providing electronic comments, or on the envelope when replying by mail.